



Killara Primary School

Our Best – Every Child, Every Day
Respect, Resilience & Accountability

Newsletter 6

March 4 2021

CALENDAR

5 March	Clean Up Australia Day For Schools
5 March	Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival
8 March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
18 March	CURRICULUM DAY
19 March	National Ride To School Day
1 April	Last Day Term 1 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

*****Public Holiday*****

Monday 8 March – Labour Day

MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to all parents/guardians who attended and met with teachers at school on Monday to share information about their children. It is important to develop a strong home/school partnership so we can work together to acknowledge your child's achievements and assist with further development.

Another strength of attending these discussions is that it is a further opportunity to show your child that you value their education. It is important to let your child know the positive things that have been discussed to encourage them to be positive about learning. Thanks to teachers for their preparation and engagement at the interviews. We also thank our staff for giving up their evening to enable parents who have commitments during the day to meet with them.

Should you have further information to share with us about your child that could affect them at school, please don't hesitate to let us know. If you did not manage to arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher(s), please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange a time in the future.

More formal interviews will again be conducted midyear when semester reports have been made available to parents.

TUTORING PROGRAM

As you will be aware through various media reports, all schools have been given additional funding to support the implementation of a tutoring program at school. Now that our teachers have completed the first cycle of assessments in literacy and numeracy for this year, students who will access this program in the first round have been identified and parents notified. Sessions for these students have also begun this week.

During this first initial round, our school will focus on building the reading skills of students in Grades 3/ 4 and the numeracy skills of students in Grades 1/ 2.

These sessions will be primarily taught by Di Bell, with Frank Stranieri also taking one small group in Reading. It is our intention to spread this strategy across as many of our students as possible over the course of the year. This will mean that in future rounds the focus Grade level or area (Literacy or Numeracy) will change. Selection for this program is based on both guidelines from the Department and through analysis of student assessment data.

VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM

Complementing our tutoring program, the Department have also identified a number of our students who meet the eligibility criteria for the Victorian High Ability Program. This 10 week program is conducted online by Virtual School Victoria and supported at a school level by Sue Muir, our Assistant Principal.

This term students are enrolled in the writing workshops where they participate in a weekly online session conducted by a master class teacher from Virtual School Victoria. Our students are able to collaborate with their peers across a range of schools in Victoria. Students are engaged in deeper learning tasks which challenges and extends their thinking and abilities in writing. We have already been notified that this program will continue for Term 2, with additional students identified by the Department. We look forward to sharing their learning with the school community at the end of the 10 week program.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Following the election that was held recently, I am pleased to announce the following parents and staff who have nominated and been elected to serve on school council for a two year term:

PARENT

Paige McIntosh, Zamara Giles, Kieren McIntosh and Dan Peters

STAFF

Robyn Smith

Jo Zimpel will also join our school council this year as a co-opted member for a one year term. We welcome all our new and returning school councillors and look forward to continuing our work together.

Thank you too, to our retiring school councillors, Neil Christie and Rebecca Edwards for their service and contributions to our school. We have really valued your leadership and support.

PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL EVENTS

In order for us to comply with the COVID safe plans of many of the places we visit on excursions or

organisations we have in to run events in our school, we are required to notify them well ahead of time of the numbers attending.

While we have factored this requirement into the planning of all our excursions, we will need to adhere to a strict payment closure date for all our events.

Please ensure that your child does not miss out on these valuable experiences by handing back all permission forms and making payments prior to the date outlined in the notes sent home. If at any stage you are experiencing financial difficulties with the payment of a school event please contact the school office so a payment plan can be established.

ISSUE RESOLUTION

We would like to remind parents that it is inappropriate to approach other students or parents to try resolve issues that arise at school. The first point of call should always be your child's classroom teacher and then if the issues continue or you are still concerned please come and speak to either of us.

If you would like more information regarding our school's Complaints and Grievances policy and processes, please access this on the school's website on the following link:

<https://www.killaraps.vic.edu.au/page/198>

Best wishes,

Michelle and Sue

PAYMENTS DUE
Hunchback Production: 19 Mar

CURRENT NEWS

PREP WESTERN WATER INCURSION

On Tuesday the Prep classes had a visit from Western Water.

They learnt all about the water cycle and participated in a class play.

All of the prep students got to take home a water bottle from Sammy the Snake.



REGIONAL SWIMMING

Well done to Carter, Will, Billy and Xander for coming 2nd in their freestyle relay. Killara is very proud of you.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – HOUSE COLOURS

The Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow Friday March 5. Students are able to wear their house colours on the day.

Our house colours are:

Geyer – Blue

McKinnon – Red

McMahon – Yellow

Watkins – Green

Whorlow - Orange

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

School Holiday Dance Workshop Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 April. Join The Australian Ballet Education & Outreach team at The Bowery Theatre for a fun and creative holiday workshop. Explore the world of dance and create an original dance work to perform on the final day. For more information visit www.australianballet.com.au/education



Sunbury Kangaroos Junior Football Netball Club
WANTS YOU

Netballers and Footballers wanted in all age groups.

Football training has commenced on
Wednesday and Friday nights from 5pm -6pm come on
down and have a kick
Contact Joeb on 0409-826-694

Netball training starts soon.
Contact Jess on 0431-819-858 for more information.

We are seeking an U9's football coach and are now
taking applications for netball coaches.

We are welcoming all new and existing families down to
our club registration day on the 28th February where
you can meet the coaches, register and find out
information for the upcoming season.

Follow our Facebook page for the latest updates
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YEAR 5/6 SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION

On Wednesday March 3, the Year 5/6's went to Sovereign Hill for an excursion. We played a game in our education session called 'Gold Fever' where we learnt about the lives of the different miners while trying to avoid being arrested and sent to jail.

We also went gold panning and some of us were lucky enough to find gold! The parts of the day that were most of our favourites were the scary but fun underground Mine Tour and getting to watch how lollies were made in the 1800s. On the mine tour we learnt about the Welcome Nugget, one of the largest pieces of gold to be found in Australia that weighed over 68 kilograms!

We got to watch different sized muskets go off which were really loud so we had to block our ears and walked through different olden style stores such as the blacksmiths, candle works and the printing press store. We all had lots of fun and we recommend everyone to go on the school holidays!

